

AMENDMENT AFTER NON-FINAL ACTION

Appln. No. 10/713,444

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims in accordance with the changes indicated in the complete listing of claims that follows, which shall replace all prior versions of the claims in the application.

1. **(Currently Amended)** A multi-level chair for supporting a post-tension concrete reinforcement cable at a fixed height from a bottom of a concrete form, said multi-level chair comprising:

a body including a plurality of ~~partially enclosed~~ receptacles adapted to receive post-tension reinforcement cable ~~after final placement of the chair~~ and a bottom adapted to rest on the bottom of the concrete form,

the plurality of receptacles comprising at least three receptacles positioned at different heights from ~~the bottom of the concrete form~~ the bottom of the chair, the different heights being equally spaced apart heights, with each of said receptacles ~~being adapted to support a~~ substantially defining an unobstructed channel sized for post-tension reinforcement cable of a predetermined diameter, and each of said channels extending parallel to the bottom of the chair and across the entire body of the chair in an arcuate orientation above the bottom of the concrete form.

2. **(Cancelled)**

3. **(Original)** The multi-level chair of claim 1 wherein said body has an inverted V-shape including a pair of legs extending downwardly from an apex of said body.

4. **(Original)** The multi-level chair of claim 3 wherein said receptacles are at staggered heights along said legs.

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5. **(Original)** The multi-level chair of claim 3 wherein said chair is nestably stackable.

6. **(Currently Amended)** A multi-level chair for supporting a post-tension concrete reinforcement cable at a fixed height from a bottom of a concrete form, said multi-level chair comprising:

an inverted V-shaped body having a pair of legs extending downwardly from an apex of said body, said body including multiple ~~partially enclosed~~ receptacles adapted to receive post-tension reinforcement cable ~~after final placement of the chair,~~

said multiple receptacles comprising at least three receptacles positioned at different heights ~~from the bottom of the concrete form~~ from a base of said body along at least one of said legs, the different heights being equally spaced apart heights, with each of said receptacles being sized to support ~~said~~ post-tension reinforcement cable of a predetermined diameter and being oriented perpendicularly to the plane defined by said V-shape, wherein ~~so that~~ a user may place said post-tension cable in a selected one of said receptacles ~~and support said post-tension cable in an arcuate orientation above the bottom of the concrete form.~~

7-8. **(Cancelled)**

9. **(Previously Presented)** The multi-level chair of claim 6 wherein said receptacles are vertically spaced apart from each other one-quarter inch.

10. **(Original)** The multi-level chair of claim 6 wherein said receptacles are adapted to receive the same gauge cable.

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11. **(Original)** The multi-level chair of claim 6 wherein said chair may be nestably stacked on top of a second multi-level chair.

12. **(Currently Amended)** A multi-level chair for supporting a concrete reinforcement cable under tension at a fixed height from a bottom of a concrete form, said multi-level chair comprising:

an inverted V-shaped body having a pair of legs extending downwardly from an apex of said body, each of said legs having a fixed length and multiple ~~partially enclosed~~ receptacles adapted to receive post-tension reinforcement cable ~~after final placement of the chair,~~

said multiple receptacles comprising at least two receptacles positioned at different heights from ~~the bottom of the concrete form~~ from a base of said body along said length of said leg ~~for supporting said reinforcement cable,~~ wherein said multiple receptacles of one of said legs are positioned at different heights with respect to said multiple receptacles of the other of said legs, wherein said multiple receptacles are oriented perpendicularly to the plane defined by said V-shape, and wherein a user may support said reinforcement cable in each receptacle ~~in an arcuate orientation above the bottom of the concrete form.~~

13. **(Cancelled)**

14. **(Original)** The multi-level chair of claim 12 wherein each of said legs terminates in a foot.

15. **(Withdrawn)** The multi-level chair of claim 14 wherein said feet are joined by a base plate.

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16. **(Original)** The multi-level chair of claim 12 wherein said receptacles are spaced from each other one-half inch along each of said legs.

17. **(Original)** The multi-level chair of claim 12 wherein said receptacles are adapted to receive the same gauge cable.

18-20. **(Canceled)**

21. **(Withdrawn – Currently Amended)** A multi-level chair for supporting a post-tension concrete reinforcement cable at a fixed height from a bottom of a concrete form, said multi-level chair comprising:

a body including a pair of opposing sidewalls defining a downwardly extending slot, said slot including a plurality of ~~partially enclosed~~ receptacles adapted to receive post-tension reinforcement cable ~~after final placement of the chair,~~

said plurality of receptacles comprising at least three receptacles positioned at different ~~and equally spaced apart~~ heights from ~~the bottom of the concrete form~~ a base of said body, the different heights being equally spaced apart heights, with said receptacles being adapted to support a post-tension reinforcement cable of a predetermined diameter in an arcuate orientation above the bottom of the concrete form, and

said slot having a width that is less than said predetermined diameter, wherein said post-tension reinforcement cable is retainable within a selected receptacle.

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22. **(Withdrawn – Currently Amended)** A multi-level chair for supporting a post-tension concrete reinforcement cable at a fixed height from a bottom of a concrete form, said multi-level chair comprising:

a body including a pair of opposing sidewalls defining a plurality of ~~partially enclosed~~ receptacles adapted to receive post-tension reinforcement cable ~~after final placement of the chair,~~

said plurality of receptacles comprising at least three receptacles positioned at different ~~and equally spaced apart~~ heights from ~~the bottom of the concrete form~~ a base of said body, the different heights being equally spaced apart heights, with said receptacles being adapted to support a post-tension reinforcement cable of a predetermined diameter in an arcuate orientation above the bottom of the concrete form,

said receptacles being connected to adjacently spaced receptacles by non-vertical slot segments having a width that is less than said predetermined diameter, wherein said post-tension reinforcement cable is retainable within a selected receptacle.

24. **(New)** The multi-level chair of claim 3 wherein the bottom of the chair comprises a pair of spaced feet provided at the downward ends of each of said legs.

25. **(Withdrawn - New)** The multi-level chair of claim 3 wherein the bottom of the chair comprises a base plate extending between the downward ends of said legs.

26. **(New)** The multi-level chair of claim 5 wherein said legs have a generally V-shaped cross-sectional configuration.

27. **(New)** The multi-level chair of claim 11 wherein said legs have a generally V-shaped cross-sectional configuration.